

## ABSTRACT

A staple formed in the C-shape is inserted from an obverse side of the sheets of paper into the sheets of paper by a driver  
5 that moves in the thickness direction of the sheets of paper to be stapled; and a pair of clinchers 23, 24 held rotatably by clincher 21, 22 holders so as to be opposed to the staple with the sheets of paper between are rotated by a clincher actuating member 27 that moves in cooperation with the movement  
10 of the driver, so that both legs of the staple, after piercing the sheets of paper, are bent along a reverse side of the sheets of paper in parallel. Further, the height H1 of the clincher 23, 24 in the clincher actuating member moving direction is made smaller than the height H2 of the clincher holder 21,  
15 22.